

**P-20 Council
Teachers Committee Meeting
November 28, 2007 - 3:30 p.m.
Meeting Notes**

Location: 1700 W. Washington, 6th Floor Conference Room B, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Committee Members

Present: Dr. Kino Flores, Dr. Ron Marx (telephonic), Xan Simonson, Amanda Burke (telephonic), Cathleen Barton (telephonic), Carol Peck, Dr. Mari Koerner, Penny Kotterman, Andrew Morrill, and Jan Amator.

Staff Present: Lauren Kielsmeier, Erin Hart, Debra Raeder, and Claire Parriott.

1. Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Kino Flores called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm. It was noted that Dr. Ron Marx, Amanda Burke, and Cathleen Barton were participating telephonically.

2. Update: Teacher Focus Groups

Penny Kotterman, representing the Arizona K-12 Center, updated the committee on the three teacher focus groups that were held in Maricopa, Pima and Yavapai counties in response to the State Board of Education's proposed increase in high school graduation requirements. In all, 107 participants attended these events and provided feedback that included a need for greater student support, Penny will present a report summarizing the response of the attendees to the State Board of Education on December 3, 2008.

3. Update: Teacher Working Conditions Survey

Andrew Morrill provided an update and overview regarding the draft Teacher Working Conditions Survey report. He indicated that Arizona teachers are generally positive about their working conditions, however are less so than teachers in other states. A meeting to discuss the survey results was held with school district representatives on Friday, October 26, 2007 at the AEA's office. The report will be posted on the Arizona Education Association's (AEA) web site.

4. Update: 21st Century Skills Summit

Dr. Ron Marx provided an update regarding the Arizona Summit on 21st Century Skills, which was held on October 25, 2007 at the University of Arizona. The goal of the event was for attendees to create recommendations to infuse 21st Century Skills into four strands: teacher preparation programs, professional development, assessment, and youth development. Dr. Marx indicated that a report is being developed to summarize the results from the Summit and will be shared with the Committee and full P-20 Council.

5. Next Steps

Dr. Marx will prepare and present a report on 21st Century Skills to the committee. Staff will email the Committee the draft Teacher Working Conditions report. The committee also inquired about studying the to date effects/results of full day kindergarten in the state.

6. Call to the Public

Jane Jackson addressed the Committee regarding teacher professional development programs at Arizona State University.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Kino Flores at 4:35 pm.